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3	by and between the attorneys for the	
4	respective parties herein, that filing and	
5	sealing be and the same are hereby	
6	waived.	
7	IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED	
8	that all objections, except as to the form	
9	of the question, shall be reserved to the	
10	time of the trial.	
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12	that the within deposition may be sworn to	
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20	LEWIS KING	
21	called as a witness, having been duly sworn by	
22	the Court Reporter, was examined and testified	
23	as follows:	
24	EXAMINATION	
25	BY MR. HODGES:	

- 1 LEWIS KING
- Q. Mr. King, can you tell me what your
- 3 role with American Marriage Ministries is?
- 4 A. I am the executive director of
- 5 American Marriage Ministries.
- 6 Q. And what duties do you have as
- 7 executive director of American Marriage
- 8 Ministries?
- 9 A. I exercise oversight over all of the
- 10 operations, including but not limited to
- 11 marketing, publishing, web development, and
- 12 fulfillment, and logistics.
- 13 Q. And just to make our life easier for
- 14 the next little bit, if I refer to American
- 15 Marriage Ministries as AMM, does that make
- 16 sense?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Okay. What services does AMM offer?
- 19 A. AMM ordains people online and
- 20 provides them with fulfillment documents and
- 21 provides them with training and other resources
- 22 that they use to officiate weddings.
- 23 Q. And how does AMM ordain people
- 24 online?
- 25 A. AMM ordains people online by

- 1 LEWIS KING
- 2 providing them with an ordination application
- 3 that they fill out on our website that we then
- 4 instantaneously process, accept, and then that
- 5 makes them an ordained minister.
- 6 Q. Is that an automated process?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Is there any like in-person physical
- 9 interaction between AMM and someone looking to
- 10 get ordained online?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Do you consider that service that
- 13 you just discussed to be an Ecclesiastical
- 14 service?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Would you classify it as an
- 17 ordination service?
- 18 A. Yes.
- MR. MATESKY: Objection, leading.
- 20 BY MR. HODGES:
- 21 Q. Do you believe that the -- that view
- is prominent in the industry?
- MR. MATESKY: Objection, leading.
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 25 BY MR. HODGES:

- 1 LEWIS KING
- 2 Q. Are you familiar with the applicant
- 3 in this -- for this trademark, ULC Monastery?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. How are you familiar with them?
- 6 A. I'm familiar with them in a number
- 7 of ways. I initially worked with George quite
- 8 some time ago for an organization that I'm not
- 9 sure exactly what it was called at the time
- 10 that ultimately ended up becoming ULC
- 11 monastery. And I'm familiar with it because
- 12 they are one of our competitors. And I'm
- familiar with it because a number of people
- 14 that work for AMM have a history of having also
- 15 worked at ULC Monastery in the past.
- 16 Q. Is there a difference between, to
- 17 your knowledge, how AMM ordains people online
- 18 and how the applicant does?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. To the best of your knowledge, is
- 21 ULC's process also automated?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. We're here today talking about the
- 24 phrase "get ordained." Are you familiar with
- 25 how AMM has used the phrase get ordained in the

- past?
- Α. Yes.
- And how are you familiar with that? 0.
- I am familiar with it because it's a 5
- 6 phrase that is very important to the service
- 7 that we offer. So I have seen it used
- countless times in different contexts to
- communicate between AMM and people that might
- 10 be interested in our services what it is that
- we offer and how we offer it. 11
- 12 MR. MATESKY: Could we take a short
- 13 break? I'm having issues with my
- 14 headphones. I'm going to change to
- 15 something else.
- 16 MR. HODGES: Pause for a second.
- 17 That's fine.
- 18 MR. MATESKY: Can you hear me okay?
- 19 MR. HODGES: Yes.
- 20 MR. MATESKY: I can't hear you for
- 21 some reason. Okay. Can you still hear me?
- 22 MR. HODGES: Yes.
- 23 MR. MATESKY: I think I can hear
- 24 you, too.
- 25 BY MR. HODGES:

- 1 LEWIS KING
- Q. Mr. King, are you familiar with
- 3 AMM's website?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. When did you join AMM?
- 6 A. I joined AMM in early 2018, I
- 7 believe.
- 8 Q. Are you familiar with AMM's website
- 9 from before when you joined?
- 10 A. Yes, I am.
- 11 MR. MATESKY: Objection, lack of
- 12 foundation.
- 13 BY MR. HODGES:
- Q. And how -- how are you familiar with
- 15 that?
- 16 A. Well, I'm familiar with it because I
- 17 had studied every single iteration of AMM's
- 18 website pretty closely in order to understand
- 19 what, you know, the different ways that we've
- 20 talked about the service that we provide, what
- 21 worked, what strategies in publishing things
- 22 that we've done in the past that seem to work
- 23 that were -- that we should continue on into
- 24 the future, also looking at things that we need
- 25 to leave behind.

- 1 LEWIS KING
- 2 Q. Do you do that as a part of your job
- 3 with AMM?
- A. Yes.
- 5 Q. I sent you some files this morning
- 6 for -- to be exhibits for this and Mr. Matesky
- 7 has copies as well. If you could open up the
- 8 file that is labeled as a screen shot and the
- 9 file extension ends with 1.26.59.
- 10 A. Okay. I'm looking at it. Hang on.
- 11 I'm actually downloading them. Sorry, Ben, I'm
- 12 going to download it so I'm pulling it
- 13 properly. Otherwise, I'm not entirely sure I'm
- 14 seeing the whole thing. Okay. I've gotten it
- 15 now.
- 16 MR. HODGES: And this will be -- I
- 17 can't remember what exhibit we left off on.
- 18 Mike, do you have any idea what we left off
- 19 on?
- MR. MATESKY: For Lewis?
- 21 THE COURT REPORTER: I have the
- transcript, if you'd like me to look.
- MR. HODGES: That would be great.
- Thank you, Monna. Mark this as 50; does
- 25 that sound right?

Page 12 1 LEWIS KING MR. MATESKY: Was that his December 3 deposition? 4 THE COURT REPORTER: No, that was 5 September. MR. MATESKY: Maybe there were no 7 exhibits for the December. 8 MR. HODGES: How about we jump ahead 9 and call this Exhibit 100? That should 10 avoid everything and make all of our lives 11 easier. 12 MR. MATESKY: That's fine with me. MR. HODGES: We'll call this Exhibit 13 14 100. 15 MR. MATESKY: Okay. And we object to the introduction of this document into 16 17 evidence on the grounds that it was not 18 previously produced. 19 (WHEREUPON, Lewis Deposition Exhibit Screen shot - 1.26.59 was 20 21 identified.) 22 BY MR. HODGES: 23 Mr. King, what is this exhibit? Q. 24 MR. MATESKY: Objection, foundation. 25 THE WITNESS: This exhibit is a

- 1 LEWIS KING
- 2 screen capture of American Marriage
- 3 Ministries's website from back in 2010.
- 4 BY MR. HODGES:
- 5 Q. And at the top, there is something
- 6 that says Wayback Machine. Can you tell us
- 7 what Wayback Machine is?
- 8 A. Yeah. Wayback Machine is a web
- 9 service, a free service that's provided online
- 10 that captures different iterations of websites
- 11 going back to sort of -- there's a box, I
- 12 presume, that captured websites as they
- 13 appeared in the past.
- MR. MATESKY: Objection, lack of
- foundation, lack of personal knowledge.
- 16 BY MR. HODGES:
- 17 Q. And how are you familiar with
- 18 Wayback Machine?
- MR. MATESKY: Objection, assumes
- facts not in evidence.
- 21 THE WITNESS: I'm familiar with
- 22 Wayback Machine because I've been using it
- for years now. It's -- it's an interesting
- tool just to get a sense of what the
- internet looked like in the past. And it's

- 2 also helped me understand what AMM's
- 3 different websites looked like in the past
- 4 and how we presented ourselves differently
- 5 in different times. So I've used it to get
- 6 a better understanding of how we presented
- 7 ourself over time.
- 8 MR. MATESKY: Object to the extent
- 9 that answer is nonresponsive.
- 10 BY MR. HODGES:
- 11 Q. Earlier you said you were familiar
- 12 with AMM's website from before when you joined.
- 13 Do you know if AMM used the phrase get ordained
- on its website before 2018?
- MR. MATESKY: Objection, lack of
- 16 foundation.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Yes
- 18 BY MR. HODGES:
- 19 Q. How did AMM use the phrase get
- 20 ordained on its website?
- MR. MATESKY: Objection, assumes
- facts not in evidence, lack of foundation.
- THE WITNESS: AMM used the phrase
- qet ordained in our website in the past as
- a very succinct and forward call to action

- 1 LEWIS KING
- 2 to get people to become ordained.
- 3 BY MR. HODGES:
- 4 Q. Do you know if AMM used the phrase
- 5 get ordained on its website in 2010?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 MR. MATESKY: Objection, lack of
- 8 foundation.
- 9 BY MR. HODGES:
- 10 Q. How do you know that?
- 11 A. I know that for a number of reasons.
- 12 One being that this is something that was
- 13 communicated to me by people who employed and
- 14 used that phrase in the past in 2010 and really
- 15 since the inception of the organization. And
- in addition to that, I know that by having
- 17 studied past iterations of the website myself
- 18 using the Wayback Machine.
- 19 MR. MATESKY: Objection, lack of
- 20 personal knowledge, hearsay.
- 21 BY MR. HODGES:
- 22 Q. Let's go back to Exhibit 100. Is
- the phrase get ordained used in Exhibit 100?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. How is it used?

- 2 A. It's used as a verbal phrase to
- 3 entice or draw people into getting ordained
- 4 online.
- 5 MR. MATESKY: Objection, lack of
- 6 personal knowledge, speculation.
- 7 BY MR. HODGES:
- 8 Q. And how do you know that?
- 9 A. I know that because I'm currently
- 10 looking at a screen shot of the website from
- 11 September of 2010, and you can see right up
- 12 there near the header, it says, "Get ordained."
- MR. MATESKY: Same objection.
- 14 BY MR. HODGES:
- 15 Q. Let's look at the file that's listed
- 16 as a screen shot and ends in 1.23.14.
- MR. MATESKY: I thought that's the
- one we were just looking at.
- MR. HODGES: We were looking at 59
- just now. Which ones are you looking at,
- 21 Lewis?
- THE WITNESS: 59.
- MR. MATESKY: Sorry. So, okay.
- 24 What we were just looking at -- sorry. So
- 25 Exhibit 100 -- the document that was marked

- 2 as Exhibit 100 was the one where the file
- name ends as 59 PM; is that correct?
- 4 MR. HODGES: Yep. Yes.
- 5 MR. MATESKY: Okay.
- 6 MR. HODGES: Now we're going to 14.
- 7 MR. MATESKY: Same objections apply.
- 8 And also to the extent that you're
- 9 introducing the document, the file name
- ending 14 PM, same objection. We object to
- 11 the extent this was not produced earlier.
- 12 BY MR. HODGES:
- 13 Q. Lewis, are you familiar with the
- 14 file that you're looking at right now?
- 15 A. Yes, I am.
- 16 O. And it is the file that ends in
- 17 1.23.14 PM, right?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And how are you familiar with the
- 20 document that you're looking at right now?
- 21 A. I'm familiar with this document that
- 22 we're looking at now because this is one of the
- 23 screen captures and one of the iterations of
- 24 the website that I have studied as part of my
- 25 role as executive director at American Marriage

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- 2 Ministries to get a sense of what past
- 3 iterations of the website looked like.
- 4 Q. If you will mark this as Exhibit
- 5 101.
- 6 THE COURT REPORTER: Can I go off
- 7 the record?
- 8 (An off-the-record discussion was
- 9 held.)
- 10 (WHEREUPON, Lewis Deposition Exhibit
- 11 101: Screen shot 1.23.14 was
- identified.)
- MR. MATESKY: I'm sorry. Would you
- mind reading back the last exchange?
- 15 (THEREUPON, the requested portion of
- the record was read by the Court Reporter.)
- 17 BY MR. HODGES:
- 18 Q. So, Mr. King, looking at Exhibit 101
- 19 that we just talked about, does it use the
- 20 phrase, "get ordained"?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And how does it use the phrase get
- 23 ordained?
- 24 A. It uses the phrase get ordained as a
- 25 call to action to induce people to fill out and

- 1 LEWIS KING
- 2 submit an online ordination application.
- 3 MR. MATESKY: Objection, lack of
- foundation, lack of personal knowledge.
- 5 BY MR. HODGES:
- 6 Q. And you mentioned this was a screen
- 7 capture from a prior version of the website.
- 8 Can you tell us what date this was on the
- 9 website?
- MR. MATESKY: Objection,
- 11 mischaracterizes prior testimony, calls for
- 12 speculation.
- 13 THE WITNESS: Yes, I can. If you
- look up at the top right-hand corner,
- there's the highlighted yellow date that
- indicates when this screen capture was
- taken, and that's January 28th, 2010.
- 18 MR. MATESKY: Objection, lack of
- 19 personal knowledge, lack of foundation,
- hearsay.
- 21 BY MR. HODGES:
- Q. And let's go to the file that's the
- 23 screen shot that ends in 1.30.20 PM.
- 24 A. Okay.
- 25 Q. Can you tell me what this file is?

- 1 LEWIS KING
- 2 MR. MATESKY: We object to the
- 3 introduction of this document into evidence
- 4 on the same grounds that it was not
- 5 previously produced.
- 6 MR. HODGES: For the record, I
- 7 haven't actually introduced it yet, but --
- 8 MR. MATESKY: Yeah. You were
- 9 starting to ask questions about it, so I
- wanted to get that objection out there.
- MR. HODGES: Okay.
- 12 BY MR. HODGES:
- 13 Q. So, Mr. King, can you tell me what
- 14 this file is?
- 15 A. Yes. This file -- I'm sorry.
- 16 O. Go ahead. What is it?
- 17 A. This file is a screen capture of a
- 18 capture that Wayback Machine took of American
- 19 Marriage Ministries' website from December
- 20 30th, 2010.
- MR. MATESKY: Objection, lack of
- foundation, lack of personal knowledge.
- 23 BY MR. HODGES:
- Q. And does this screen capture show
- 25 the use of the phrase get ordained?

- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 O. And how does it show that?
- 4 A. It shows it as a verbal phrase that
- 5 gets people to fill out the ordination
- 6 application, submit it and become ordained a
- 7 minister with American Marriage Ministries.
- 8 MR. MATESKY: Objection, lack of
- 9 personal knowledge, speculation.
- 10 MR. HODGES: Now I'll say let's mark
- 11 this as 102.
- MR. MATESKY: Same objections as
- 13 previously stated.
- 14 (WHEREUPON, Lewis Deposition Exhibit
- 15 102: Screen shot 1.30.20 PM was
- 16 identified.)
- 17 BY MR. HODGES:
- 18 Q. Considering the three screen shots
- 19 we just looked at, are those consistent with
- 20 what your understanding of AMM's historical
- 21 usage of the phrase get ordained is?
- 22 MR. MATESKY: Lack of foundation.
- Objection.
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 25 BY MR. HODGES:

- Q. Has AMM ever used the phrase get
- 3 ordained in marketing?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. How has it used it in marketing?
- 6 A. We used it pretty extensively as a
- 7 pretty succinct way to describe the service
- 8 that we provide. So we'll use it across all of
- 9 our social media, and AMM-owned platforms as
- 10 well as on Google's advertising platforms. And
- 11 I think we briefly even used Bing at one point,
- 12 so we had it out there. And we would have used
- 13 it -- yeah, so I think that's about...
- 14 Q. As part of your role with AMM, do
- 15 you examine the advertising from any of your
- 16 competitors?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Have you ever seen any of AMM's
- 19 competitors, other than the applicant, use get
- 20 ordained in marketing?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And is get ordained a phrase that is
- 23 common to your industry?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Do you know if the phrase get

- 1 LEWIS KING
- 2 ordained is common in kind of academic
- 3 literature?
- 4 MR. MATESKY: Objection, lack of
- 5 foundation.
- 6 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 7 BY MR. HODGES:
- 8 Q. How do you know that?
- 9 A. I know that because another --
- 10 another one of my roles as the executive
- 11 director of American -- I'll just go with AMM
- 12 here, as the director of AMM is that I need to
- 13 get a really holistic understanding of the
- 14 service that we provide, of what -- of where
- 15 our organization sort of sits in this -- in the
- 16 spectrum of religious and civic society
- 17 organizations.
- 18 And this requires sort of an
- 19 academic and a historical analysis as well; so
- 20 I spend time like on JSTOR, Google Scholar,
- 21 looking at older academic publications that
- 22 talk about ordination and the role of
- 23 ordination in civil society. And the phrase
- 24 get ordained is very common going back decades;
- 25 so you're talking about academic publications

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- 2 going from the '60s, '70s, '80s, and '90s, all
- 3 using the phrase get ordained; so you see this
- 4 as something that goes way, way back.
- 5 MR. MATESKY: Objection, hearsay,
- 6 objection to the extent the witness is
- 7 testifying regarding documents that have
- 8 not been produced or introduced (audio
- 9 distortion).
- 10 (The Court Reporter requested
- 11 clarification.)
- MR. MATESKY: Into evidence.
- 13 BY MR. HODGES:
- Q. So, Mr. King, could you open up the
- 15 final file that I sent you this morning, the
- 16 html file?
- 17 A. Sure. The file has been opened.
- 18 Q. Could you tell me what the file is?
- 19 A. This is a -- this is an html file of
- 20 the results from a query for the term get
- 21 ordained that was put into Google Scholar.
- MR. MATESKY: Objection, lack of
- foundation, lack of personal knowledge.
- 24 BY MR. HODGES:
- 25 Q. Have you put this query into Google

- Scholar?
- 3 Α. Yes.
- MR. HODGES: Let's call this Exhibit
- 5 103.
- (WHEREUPON, Lewis Deposition Exhibit
- 7 103: Html file of the results from a query
- 8 for the term get ordained was identified.)
- 9 MR. MATESKY: We'll object to
- 10 introduction of this document into evidence
- on the grounds that it has not been 11
- 12 previously produced in discovery.
- 13 BY MR. HODGES:
- 14 Ο. And does this file show what you
- 15 were testifying about earlier regarding the use
- of get ordained in academia? 16
- 17 MR. MATESKY: Objection, vague.
- THE WITNESS: Yes, it does. 18
- BY MR. HODGES: 19
- 20 And what time frame does this show Q.
- 21 the use of the phrase get ordained?
- 22 MR. MATESKY: Objection,
- 23 mischaracterize the document.
- 24 THE WITNESS: This particular query
- is from 1995 to 2005. 25

- 1 LEWIS KING
- 2 MR. MATESKY: Object on lack of
- 3 foundation.
- 4 BY MR. HODGES:
- 5 Q. And how do you know that?
- 6 A. Well, I know that because you can
- 7 see where the range is set for the query and
- 8 that the start date is 1995 and the end date is
- 9 2005. And I also know that because that's how
- 10 Google Scholar works; and having a background
- in academia, I've used this search feature for
- 12 dozens, if not hundreds of projects.
- MR. MATESKY: Same objection.
- 14 BY MR. HODGES:
- 15 Q. Did you personally limit the query
- 16 to 1995 to 2005?
- 17 A. Yes.
- MR. MATESKY: Objection, vague.
- 19 BY MR. HODGES:
- 20 Q. As part of your role with AMM, did
- 21 you talk to other people involved in the
- 22 industry?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you talk to people seeking
- 25 ordination online?

- Yes, I do. Α.
- 3 Have you ever heard anyone use the 0.
- phrase get ordained to refer to a specific 4
- 5 brand other than Applicant?
- 6 MR. MATESKY: Objection, leading.
- 7 THE WITNESS: Ben, do you mind
- repeating that? Sorry, I just spaced, I 8
- 9 quess.
- 10 BY MR. HODGES:
- 11 Q. Yes.
- 12 Other than the Applicant, have you
- 13 ever heard anyone use the phrase get ordained
- 14 to refer to a specific company or a specific
- 15 brand?
- 16 MR. MATESKY: Same objection.
- 17 THE WITNESS: No.
- 18 MR. HODGES: No further questions at
- 19 this time.
- 20 MR. MATESKY: I am going to have
- 21 some cross. It shouldn't take me too long
- 22 to get those ready. Let's say take a
- 23 10-minute break? I might be done in five,
- 24 but let's take a 10-minute break, does that
- 25 work?

- MR. HODGES: Works for me.
- 3 (A recess was taken.)
- 4 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 5 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 6 Q. Mr. King, we're back from a break.
- 7 Do you understand that you're still under oath?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Mr. King, you joined AMM after this
- 10 Trademark Office proceeding was initiated,
- 11 correct?
- 12 A. I believe so.
- 13 Q. Mr. King, you testified earlier that
- 14 you studied every iteration of the AMM website;
- 15 do you remember that?
- MR. HODGES: Object. It
- 17 mischaracterizes prior testimony.
- 18 THE WITNESS: I don't recall the
- 19 exact words that I used.
- 20 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 21 Q. Have you studied every iteration of
- the AMM website?
- A. I believe so.
- Q. How many of iterations of the AMM
- 25 website have there been?

- 1 LEWIS KING
- 2 A. I guess it's worth clarifying, major
- 3 iterations; and I couldn't give an exact
- 4 number, but every major update, I believe I've
- 5 looked at to the extent that it's on Wayback
- 6 Machine.
- 7 Q. So let me ask the question again.
- 8 Have you studied every iteration of the AMM
- 9 website?
- 10 MR. HODGES: Object. Asked and
- answered.
- 12 THE WITNESS: I have -- I believe
- so, yes.
- 14 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 15 Q. So would that include minor
- 16 iterations?
- 17 A. Define a minor iteration.
- 18 Q. Well, Mr. King, you said -- you
- 19 clarified your answer to refer to major
- 20 iterations. So I'm trying to understand what
- 21 your testimony is.
- 22 A. Okay. Well, let's talk a little bit
- 23 about what a major iteration is, then, so that
- 24 we can sort of at least segment that off.
- By major iteration, I'd say a major

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- 2 transformation in the way that we present the
- 3 landing page or moving to a new host or a
- 4 complete relaunch of the website, which I
- 5 believe has happened four times now.
- 6 Q. So when you say you've studied every
- 7 major iteration -- well, let me back up.
- 8 Is it your testimony that you
- 9 studied every major iteration of the AMM
- 10 website?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 O. And does that amount to fewer than
- 13 10 iterations?
- 14 A. Using the terms that I used to
- 15 define it previously, yes.
- 16 Q. Does that include any iteration
- 17 hosted on Americanmarriageministries.com?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. How did you study these iterations
- 20 of the -- let me rephrase that.
- How did you study iterations of the
- 22 AMM website that were published prior to your
- 23 affiliation with AMM?
- 24 A. I did so in two ways. I would have
- 25 used the Wayback Machine, and I would have

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- 2 talked with people who were involved in
- 3 deploying and launching those previous
- 4 iterations.
- 5 Q. Just to clarify, when you say you
- 6 would have done that, is it your testimony that
- 7 that is what you did do?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. So when you say you studied past
- 10 iterations of the AMM website, that could mean
- 11 that you talked to other people about what
- 12 those websites contained; is that correct?
- 13 A. It does mean that.
- Q. Okay. I'm going to refer you to
- 15 Exhibit 100, and this is a png file titled
- 16 2010 screen shot 2021-01-28@1.26.59.PM; is
- 17 that correct?
- 18 A. That is correct. I'm opening it
- 19 right now.
- Q. Did you create this png file?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. Isn't this png file a screen capture
- of the archive.org website?
- 24 A. I don't know. Archive.org? I don't
- 25 believe so, but I don't know.

- 2 Q. Are you -- can I --
- 3 A. Can I ask for a clarification on
- 4 that? Are you asking about archive.org is
- 5 affiliated with Wayback Machine?
- 6 Q. That was not my question.
- 7 A. Okay. Then, I'm fine.
- 8 Q. Do you see in this document where it
- 9 says http://www.americanmarriageministries.org/
- 10 catalog/welcome.php?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Did you personally review the
- 13 content of the website available at that URL on
- 14 September 10, 2010?
- 15 A. No.
- MR. HODGES: Objection, vague.
- 17 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 18 Q. Did you visit that URL on September
- 19 10, 2010?
- 20 A. Not to my knowledge.
- 21 Q. I will now refer you to Exhibit 101,
- 22 and this is a png file titled 2010 screen
- 23 shot 2021-01-28@1.23.14.PM, correct?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Did you create this png file?

- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. Is this png file a screen capture
- 4 off the archive.org website?
- 5 MR. HODGES: Objection, vague.
- 6 THE WITNESS: That's strange. This
- is a screen capture from the Wayback
- 8 Machine.
- 9 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 10 Q. Do you know whether this is a screen
- 11 capture of a page available via the archive.org
- 12 website?
- 13 A. I do not know.
- 14 Q. Do you see the URL near the top of
- 15 this document ending in php?
- 16 A. Wait. Run that by me again.
- 17 Q. Sure. Do you see the URL near the
- 18 top of this document ending in php?
- 19 A. PAP?
- 20 Q. Php, Pennsylvania, Hawaii,
- 21 Pennsylvania.
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. Do you see a URL towards the top of
- 24 this document?
- 25 A. Do I see a URL? Yes.

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- 2 Q. Could you read that URL for the
- 3 record?
- 4 A. Yeah. Http://www.theamm.org/.
- 5 Q. Maybe we're looking at the wrong
- 6 thing on this.
- 7 A. I think we are.
- 8 Q. So Exhibit 101, I believe, is a png
- 9 file that ends in 1.23.14 PM. Is that the file
- 10 that you have open?
- 11 A. No. I'm looking at 1.30.20.
- 12 Q. We may need to go over Exhibit 101
- 13 again. Could you please open png file titled
- 14 2010 screen shot 2021-01-28@1.23.14 PM?
- 15 A. Got it.
- 16 Q. Did you create this png file?
- 17 A. (Inaudible).
- 18 (The Court Reporter requested
- 19 clarification.)
- THE WITNESS: No.
- 21 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 22 Q. Is this png file a screen capture of
- 23 a page available via the archive.org website?
- 24 A. I -- this is from the internet
- 25 archive Wayback Machine, I think.

- 2 MR. MATESKY: Could you answer --
- Monna, would you mind reading back my
- 4 question so I can get an answer to that
- 5 question?
- 6 (THEREUPON, the requested portion of
- 7 the record was read by the Court Reporter.)
- 8 THE WITNESS: It's possible that the
- 9 archive.org is the URL that hosts the
- 10 Wayback Machine, but I don't know. I can
- look it up if you want me to jump on
- 12 Google.
- 13 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 14 Q. We'll object to everything after "I
- 15 don't know."
- 16 Can you see a URL towards the top of
- 17 this document ending in php?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Did you personally visit that URL on
- 20 January 28th, 2010?
- 21 A. I don't recall having visited that
- 22 URL on that date.
- Q. Okay. Now, I will direct your
- 24 attention to Exhibit 102. To clarify, I
- 25 understand that Exhibit 102 is a png file

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- titled 2010 screen shot 2021-01-28@1.30.20
- 3 Is that your understanding as well, Mr.
- 4 King?
- 5 Α. Yes.
- 6 0. And do you have that file open?
- 7 Yes. Α.
- 8 Did you create this png file? Q.
- 9 Α. No.
- 10 And is this png file a screen Q.
- capture of a page available at the archive.org 11
- 12 website?
- 13 Α. Can you repeat the question?
- 14 MR. MATESKY: Monna, can you read
- 15 the question back?
- 16 (THEREUPON, the requested portion of
- 17 the record was read by the Court Reporter.)
- 18 THE WITNESS: I don't know.
- BY MR. MATESKY: 19
- 20 Do you see a URL near the top of Q.
- 21 this document?
- 22 Do I see -- yes, I do.
- 23 Could you read that URL for the Q.
- 24 record, please?
- 25 Http://www.theamm.org/. Α.

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- 2 Q. Did you personally visit that URL on
- 3 December 30th, 2010?
- 4 A. I don't recall.
- 5 MR. MATESKY: Is there an objection
- 6 there? I'm not sure if I heard something.
- 7 MR. HODGES: No.
- 8 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 9 Q. Okay. I will direct you now to
- 10 Exhibit 103, which is an html file titled,
- "_getordained_ googlescholar." Is that your
- 12 understanding?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. And do you have that file open now,
- 15 Mr. King?
- 16 A. Yes, I do.
- 17 Q. Do you see in the upper right-hand
- 18 corner where it says Ben?
- 19 A. Upper -- you know, that's not the
- 20 way it loaded on my. On mine, everything is
- 21 kind of squished to the left-hand -- left
- 22 margin.
- Q. Interesting. Mr. King, what html
- 24 browser are you using?
- 25 A. Chrome.

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- Q. Mr. King, what operating system are
- 3 you using?
- 4 A. Let's take a look here. Mac OS
- 5 Catalina, version 10.15.7.
- 6 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 7 Q. I suppose that's a bit of an issue
- 8 with using html files as exhibits. Do you see
- 9 somewhere, near the top of this document, where
- 10 it says Ben?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Mr. King, did you create this html
- 13 file?
- 14 A. I don't know.
- 15 Q. Do you know why this file says Ben
- 16 near the top?
- 17 A. Yeah, because it's -- it's a query
- 18 result from a Google service, so Ben was using
- 19 it, it would have -- it looks like Ben was
- 20 logged in when he created this. Presumably,
- 21 it's Ben Hodges. So probably Ben Hodges.
- 22 Q. Does that inform your answer as to
- 23 whether you created this html file?
- A. Not necessarily.
- Q. Have you personally read each of the

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- 2 documents referenced in this html file?
- 3 A. In their entirety?
- 4 Q. Correct.
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. Have you read the document
- 7 referenced as "Called not Collared?
- 8 A. I have read excerpts of that
- 9 document, yes.
- 10 Q. How long were excerpts that you
- 11 read?
- 12 A. Generally, a page.
- Q. What does "generally" mean in that
- 14 context?
- 15 A. In that context, that means they are
- 16 coming from, you know, different -- there's a
- 17 variety of print and digital academic
- 18 publications. And depending on what the layout
- 19 of that particular publication was, it will
- 20 show up differently in the results of Google
- 21 Scholar.
- Q. Okay. I'm asking specifically
- 23 regarding the publication titled "Called not
- 24 Collared." How much of that did you read?
- 25 A. One page.

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- 2 Q. Was that one page in a print volume?
- 3 A. That's what it looked like.
- 4 Q. Have you read "Numbers don't lie"?
- 5 A. I have only read the excerpt that
- 6 you see right there.
- 7 Q. Have you read, "A drop from an
- 8 Ocean: The Status of Women in Tibetan
- 9 Society"?
- 10 A. Excerpts, I have read excerpts of
- 11 that.
- 12 Q. How many excerpts?
- 13 A. One excerpt.
- 14 Q. How long was that excerpt?
- 15 A. A couple paragraphs.
- 16 Q. Have you read, "The call of a
- 17 lifetime"?
- 18 A. Again, I probably read what you see
- 19 there.
- Q. Meaning what you see in Exhibit 103?
- 21 A. Yes, in the results that Google's
- 22 serving up.
- Q. Have you read, "Models of Leadership
- 24 for the Congregation"?
- 25 A. Only what you see on this -- in this

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- 2 exhibit.
- 3 Q. Have you read, "Clergy women: An
- 4 uphill calling"?
- 5 A. I've only seen what you see in this
- 6 exhibit here.
- 7 Q. Have you read, "A path less
- 8 travelled"?
- 9 A. What you see here in this exhibit,
- 10 yes.
- 11 Q. Anything in addition to what we see
- 12 in this exhibit?
- 13 A. No, not that I recall.
- 14 Q. Have you read, "An Interdependent
- 15 Web: Interview with James Ishmael Ford"?
- 16 A. Only what you see in this excerpt
- 17 here or in this, whatever we're calling this.
- 18 Q. Have you read, "The Renunciation of
- 19 Household and Embracing Monkhood by Shariputra
- and Arya Maudgalyayana"?
- 21 A. Only what you see here.
- Q. Have you read, "Homilies for July
- 23 (C)"?
- 24 A. Only what you see here.
- 25 Q. Do you work for the internet

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- archive?
- 3 Α. No.
- Have you ever been employed by the 0.
- 5 internet archive?
- 6 Α. No.
- 7 MR. MATESKY: That's all we've got.
- 8 Thanks.
- 9 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 10 BY MR. HODGES:
- 11 Mr. King, you said when we were
- 12 looking at the three screen shots, when you
- 13 were looking at those with Mr. Matesky, you
- testified that you didn't know if they screen 14
- 15 shots from the website archive.org. You
- 16 offered to use Google. Do you have access to
- that now? 17
- 18 Α. Yes, I do.
- 19 Can you go ahead and Google Q.
- 20 archive.org?
- 21 I did. Α.
- 22 And what did you find out? Q.
- 23 It is that archive.org is internet Α.
- 24 archive -- not the archive.org, but internet
- archive is hosted at a URL called 25

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- 2 "archive.org", not "the archive.org." And
- 3 that's where the Wayback Machine -- I guess the
- 4 brand name for the search engine that we have
- 5 been discussing today is hosted.
- 6 Q. Turning to the html file, the Google
- 7 Scholar query, did you personally create the
- 8 query that is shown in that exhibit?
- 9 A. I typed in a 1995 to 2005 query "get
- 10 ordained." But I don't know if this exact
- 11 iteration is the one that I created, this exact
- 12 version or link.
- 13 Q. But you -- you have run the exact
- 14 query that is shown in that exhibit?
- MR. MATESKY: Objection, leading.
- THE WITNESS: Yes, I have.
- MR. HODGES: Nothing further.
- 18 MR. MATESKY: I may have just one or
- two questions on recross. Give me one
- 20 second?
- MR. HODGES: I'll have the same
- objections that you had when we did it
- about whether or not that's allowed.
- MR. MATESKY: Actually, I don't, I
- don't have any -- I don't have any further

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3	THE COURT REPORTER: What about	
4	orders?	
5	MR. MATESKY: No order.	
6	MR. HODGES: Yes, we'll need a copy.	
7	(Time noted 11:33 a.m.)	
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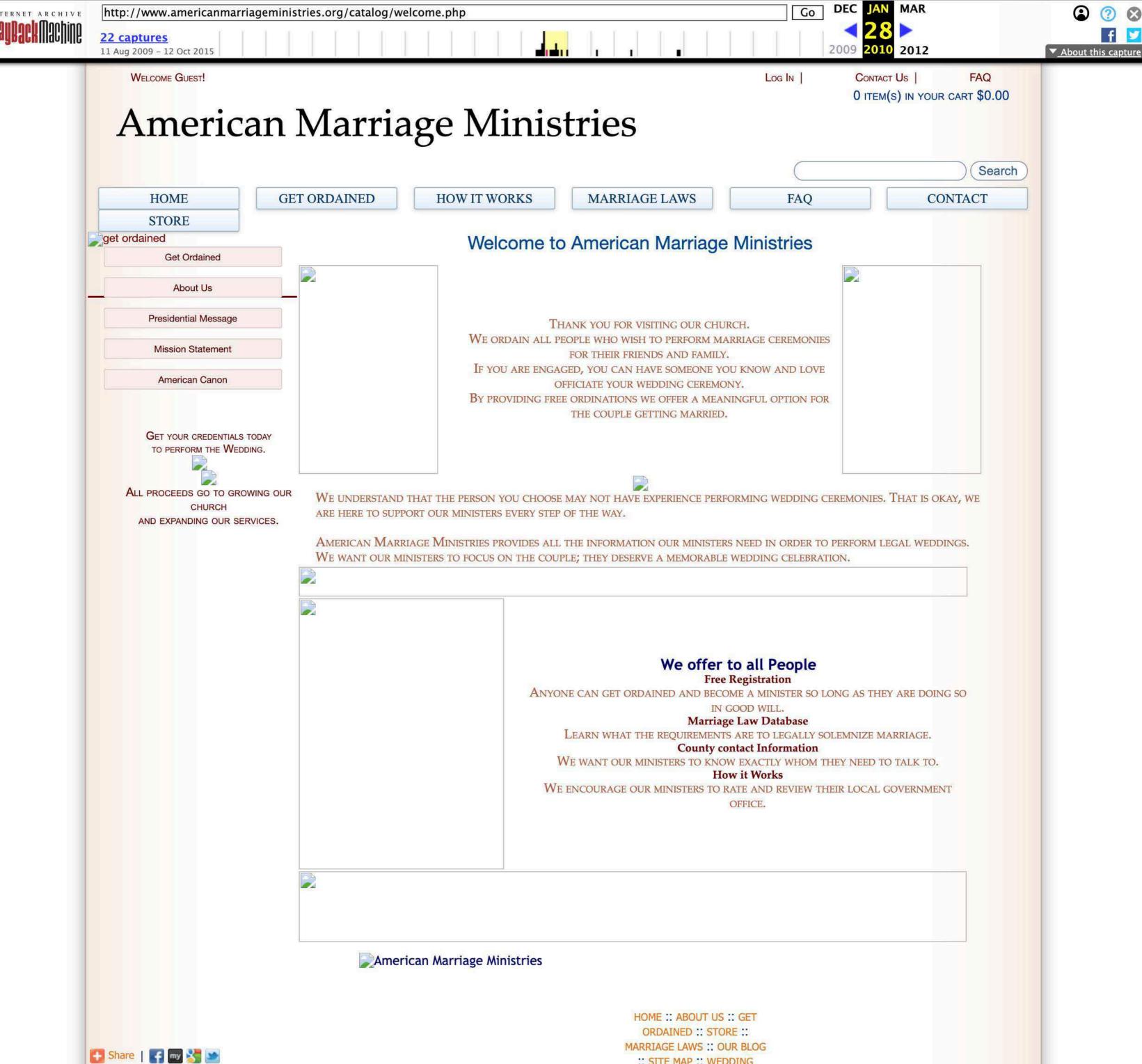
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- Mississippi
- Montana
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- New York
- North Carolina
- North Dakota
- Pennsylvania
- South Carolina
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